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SUBJ: POSSIBLE IMPOSITION OF CONGESTION SURCHARGE ON FREIGHT
SHIPMENTS TO PORT OF GUAYAQUIL

REF: GUAYAQUIL 759 (NOTAL - REPEATED TO STATE DEPT AUG 7)

1. ON AUGUST 4, 1974, A PAID ADVERTISEMENT APPEARED IN PRINCIPAL GUAYAQUIL NEWSPAPER TO EFFECT THAT IF THE CONGESTION AT THE PORT OF GUAYAQUIL DID NOT CLEAR UP, A CONGESTION "SURCHARGE" WOULD BE LEVIED BY THE SHIPPING COMPANIES WHICH MAKE UP THE EUROPEAN, SOUTH PACIFIC & MAGELLAN CONFERENCE. THERE ARE NO U.S. SHIPPERS IN THAT CONFERENCE. THIS SURCHARGE WOULD BE FELT IN HIGHER PRICES PAID BY ECUADOREAN IMPORTERS DUE TO HIGHER FREIGHT CHARGES. THE BULK OF THE GOODS SHIPPED BY LINES IN THIS CONFERENCE ARE FROM EUROPE.

2. CONGEN OFFICER INTERVIEWED FORMER PRESIDENT OF GUAYAQUIL CHAPTER OF CONFERENCE WHO INDICATED THAT HE FELT THAT A 10 PERCENT RPT 10 PERCENT SURCHARGE WOULD BE LEVIED WITHIN TWO TO THREE MONTHS. LIKE THE CONGESTION SURCHARGE LEVIED ON FREIGHT THROUGH THE PORT OF BUENAVENTURA ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO, THE SURCHARGE WOULD

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BE TEMPORARY AND WOULD BE REMOVED ONCE EXCESSIVE DELAYS WERE RECTIFIED. INTERVIEWEE STATED THAT PROBLEM WITH PORT WAS LACK OF EQUIPMENT, STORAGE SPACE, AND BERTHS.

3. HEAD OF SHIPPING DEPT. OF PRUDENTIAL-GRACE LINES INDICATED THAT HE WOULD NOT RPT NOT SUPPORT IMPOSITION OF CONGESTION SURCHARGE NOW BUT WOULD BY END OF CURRENT YEAR IF CONDITIONS DO NOT IMPROVE. HE STATED THAT RATHER THAN A 10 PERCENT SURCHARGE ON FREIGHT, HE BELIEVES THAT A 4 PERCENT RPT 4 PERCENT SURCHARGE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

4. COMMENTS: THE UNILATERAL IMPOSITION OF A SURCHARGE BY SHIPPING COMPANIES IN THE EUROPEAN, SOUTH PACIFIC & MAGELLAN CONFERENCE WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF INCREASING C & F PRICES OF GOODS CARRIED MAINLY FROM EUROPE WHILE C & F PRICES OF GOODS IMPORTED FROM THE U.S. BY LINES NOT IMPOSING A SURCHARGE WOULD NOT INCREASE. THIS MIGHT PUT CERTAIN EUROPEAN-ORIGIN GOODS AT A TEMPORARY DISADVANTAGE.

5. GUAYAQUIL PORT AUTHORITY OFFICIALS ARE REACTING TO THREAT OF SURCHARGE IMPOSITION BY STATING THAT PORT OF GUAYAQUIL IS ONE OF THE MOST EFFICIENT IN HEMISPHERE AND THAT CONSULTANT'S STUDIES CURRENTLY GOING ON WILL FINISH SOON AND THAT NEW EQUIPMENT WILL BE ORDERED. SEE GUAYAQUIL'S 759 FOR DATA ON EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR PORT AUTHORITY. PALMER AND BAKER ENGINEERS, INC., MOBILE, ALABAMA IS CONSULTING FIRM ENGAGED IN THE PORT EXPANSION STUDY.
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